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## I SHALL APPEAR IN VINITA AS USUAL BARRING NOTHING---SANTACLAUS

### THE WEEPING WILLOW'S STORY.

#### Cherokee Nation Has Tree of The Pure Blood.

Probably not one person in a hundred who has observed the weeping willow tree just south of Col. L. B. Bell's old home on the farm, near the Military crossing at Cabin Creek, have thought of its having any unusual history. Nor does one person in a hundred thousand know of the introduction of the weeping willow into the United States. Well, there is quite a little story in both cases.

The weeping willow tree came to America through the medium of Alexander Pope, the poet, who planted a willow twig on the banks of the Thames at his Twickenham villa. The twig came to him in a box of figs sent from Smyrna by a friend who had lost all in the South Sea Bubble, and had gone to that distant land to recoup his fortune. Harper's Encyclopedia of United States history tells the story of the willow's arrival in America. A young British officer who came to Boston with the army to crush the rebellion of the American colonies, brought with him a twig from Europe's most beautiful willow tree, intending to plant it in America when he should comfortably settle down on lands confiscated from the conquered Americans. The young officer, disappointed in these expectations, gave his willow twig wrapped in oil silk, to John Park Custis, Mrs. Washington's son, who planted it on his Arlington estate, in Virginia. It thrived and became the progenitor of our willow trees.

Now there is a little local story of this identical tree. When Col. L. B. Bell, of this city, was in Washington some years ago as a Cherokee delegate he went down to Mount Vernon, the home of the father of his country, and while there gathered a twig from this now historic willow and brought it home with him to this nation. He planted it on his farm at the place indicated and it grew to be a fine tree.

Not going down there very often Col. Bell may not be aware that the tree died last summer or the one before, but such is the case. Still, the tree was probably perpetuated or reproduced, as Mrs. R. L. Martin and her daughter, of Pensacola came up and got several cuttings from the willow, and doubtless some of them lived. It is likely that one time or another other persons have taken scions from the same tree and if so, and they grow, the owners may be assured they have colonial stock, the genealogy of which can be distinctly traced.

**A Costly Mistake**  
Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's new life pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c. at Peoples Drug Store. dw

**Look, Look.**  
If you want to buy the best flour in town go to W. L. Davenport & Son, and get you a sack of Yellow Kid Flour at \$1.10 a sack—he sells for cash. dlw

**Favorite Family Remedy**  
Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, grazes and bruises; for use in such cases, Chamberlain's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant family remedy. 2c. 40c and \$1 at Peoples drug store dw

### ..A Christmas.. "Nixie"

HOMER M. PRICE  
IN  
YOUTH'S COMPANION

THE "Nixie" clerk—one to whom goes all mail with insufficient or illegible addresses—took from his desk in a quiet corner of the postoffice a tiny, crumpled envelope.

"I never came across a Nixie that was addressed to any one I knew except this one. Last Christmas the letters began to pile in as usual, addressed to Santa Claus. I reckon I get a hundred every year. On Christmas eve I was working late, and was very sad and lonely here in my corner. There was a great rush at the other windows of the office, and the mails were loaded with Christmas gifts and greetings. A merry crowd rushed through the corridors and laughter sounded all around, but a great shadow of sorrow rested over me, and my eyes burned as I bent over my work. Finally the messenger brought me the last few Nixies of the day, and laid them on my desk. I took up the first one mechanically. Attached to it was a note from Carrier No. 34:

"This was given to me by a little girl at 302 Walnut St."

"My blood tingled when I read it, for that was my own home. The envelope was a small one, addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole. I recognized my own little girl's cramped writing. I thought I had a right to open it, as I was her Santa Claus, although she did not know it. This is the letter."

He carefully spread it out and held it up so it could be read.

"Dear Santa Claus: We are very sad at our home this year, and I don't want you to bring me anything. Little Charlie, my brother, went up to heaven last week, and all I want you to do when you come to my house is to take his toys to him. I will leave them in the corner by the chimney, his hobby-horse, and train and everything. He will be lost up in heaven without them, specially his horse. He always enjoyed riding it so much. So you just take them to him, and you needn't mind leaving anything for me. If you could give papa something that would make him stop crying all the time, it would be the best that you could do for me. I heard him tell mama that only eternity could cure him. Could you give him some of that? Be sure to take the things to Charlie, and I will be your good little girl.

MARIAN.

In the silence that followed the reading of the letter the Nixie clerk put the tiny envelope back in his desk. When he did speak there was no sadness in his voice.

"Well, Santa Claus came and took the hobby-horse and the train and everything. If he did not take them to Charlie, he did the next best thing; he left them with a little fellow with a twisted leg at the Children's Hospital. Whether old Santa Claus had any 'eternity' to give away or not, I do not know; but I do know that a little child gave me some faith that answered just as well.

#### AWFUL WRECK ON B. & O. 63 Persons Reported Killed in Pennsylvania.

A fast train on the B. & O. from Pittsburgh to New York was wrecked last night in western Pennsylvania and it is reported 63 persons were killed. Some timbers rolled from a freight car in front of the express train causing the accident. Nearly all of those killed were in the forward cars.

**Boy's Life Saved from Membrane-ous Croup**  
C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My little boy had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after taking one dose and I feel that it saved the life of my boy." Refuse substitutes. Peoples drug store. dw

**BAIL FIXED AT \$8,000.**  
John Fultz Probably to be Released Today.

Judge Gill examined the testimony in the John Fultz murder case yesterday and fixed the bond at \$8000 which will be furnished.


**Coughs, Colds and Constipation**  
Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure and will not constipate. Peoples drug store dw

**Cole's Sell Themselves.**  
If we had a lot of old things, we would start a bargain counter sale on stores but we have had to re-order for the reason Coles air tight stoves do their own talking. Don't let them put off a stale imitation on you by saying it is just as good. Get the best, the original, at Ed Lee's. 50-tr

**Cole's Hot Blast Guarantee.**  
The only stove in the world that prints such a guarantee—read it: **OUR COAL STOVE GUARANTEE.** Every stove is guaranteed to stay absolutely air-tight as long as used. We guarantee a saving of one-third in fuel over any lower draft soft coal stove of the same size. We guarantee a uniform heat, day and night, with soft coal, slack, screenings, hard coal or coke. We guarantee that the rooms can be heated from one to two hours each morning, with the soft coal, slack, hard coal or coke, put in the stove the evening before. We guarantee the feed door to be smoke proof. We guarantee the stove to hold fire 36 hours without attention. We guarantee every stove free from imperfect material and workmanship. For sale only at Ed Lee's. 50-tr

**Christmas Candles and Cigars**  
J. S. Osborn's Silver Moon restaurant is the place to buy your Christmas candles, fruits, nuts and cigars. Headley's candles are the best by test in the city and are put up in beautiful packages. Fresh oysters and crisp celery for the Christmas dinner. A fine line of Christmas decorations for trees. 62-tr

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Strawberry  
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Stuffed Olives  
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#### CAN VEGETABLES

French peas

Ferndehl Corn  
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Lima Beans  
Stringless Beans  
Extra sifted peas  
Asparagus Tips

#### CAN MEATS

Develed Crabs  
Can Shrimps  
Lunch Tongue  
Luncheon Beef  
Corn Beef  
Chipped Beef  
Salmon  
French Sardines  
Roast Beef  
Veal and ham loaf

#### EVAPORATED FRUIT

Prunes  
Fancy peaches  
Apricots  
Pears  
Seedless Raisins  
Loose Raisins  
Dates and Figs

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English Walnuts  
Brazil Nuts  
Pecans  
Hazelnuts  
Almonds  
French Cocoanuts

**Badgett-Sanders Mercantile Company.**

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and all a Merry  
Christmas. ❄ ❄

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